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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION WITH AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office action mailed on February 6, 2003, please enter the following amendments and reconsider the application in view of these amendments and the following remarks.

It is hereby petitioned that the period permitted for response be extended by three (3) months, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a), so that it will expire on August 6, 2003. The requisite fee is provided by the enclosed Petition for Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Also submitted herewith is a copy of Christophe, T. et al., Scan. J. Immunol. 56: 470-476 (2002).